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1. DURING THE FIRST READING OF THE NEW NICARAGUAN CONSTITUTION LAST WEEK, THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE LIBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP WAS AMENDED FROM THE FLOOR TO PROVIDE THAT NICARAGUAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WOULD EXTEND TO "AN AREA OF 200 MILES." DURING THE SECOND READING AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 26, THIS AMENDMENT WAS DELETED FROM ARTICLE 3 OF THE PROJECTED CONSTITUTION WHICH NOW READS: QUOTE THE NATIONAL TERRITORY, OVER WHICH THE STATE EXERCISES ITS FULL SOVEREIGNTY, EXTENDS BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS AND THE REPUBLICS OF HONDURAS AND COSTA RICA, AND ALSO INCLUDES THE ISLANDS, CAYS, ADJACENT HEADLANDS AND BANKS, UNDERWATER PLATFORMS, THE TERRITORIAL SEA, THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, THE AIR SPACE, THE STRATOSPHERE AND IN GENERAL ALL THE AIR AND

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UNDERWATER AREA THAT CORRESPOND TO IT IN DOMINION AND

SOVEREIGNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. UNQUOTE.

2. THE FOREGOING WORDING IS EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED LATER THIS WEEK WHEN THE FULL TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTION IS BROUGHT TO A FINAL VOTE FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE SECOND READING. EMBASSY WILL REPORT IN DETAIL ON NEW CONSTITUTION WHEN IT IS FINALLY APPROVED. SHELTON

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